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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Tests Determined To Be Suitable for Use in the National
Reporting System for Adult Education

AGENCY: Office of Career, Technical, and Adult Education,
Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary announces tests, test forms, and
delivery formats that the Secretary determines to be
suitable for use in the National Reporting System for Adult
Education (NRS). This notice relates to the approved
information collections under OMB control numbers 1830-0027
and 1830-0567.

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(TDD) or a text telephone (TTY), call the Federal Relay
Service (FRS), toll-free, at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 14, 2008, and as
amended on August 19, 2016, we published in the *Federal
Register* final regulations for 34 CFR part 462, Measuring

Educational Gain in the National Reporting System for Adult Education (NRS regulations) (73 FR 2305, Jan. 14, 2008, as amended at 81 FR 55552, Aug. 19, 2016). The NRS regulations established the process the Secretary uses to determine the suitability of tests for use in the NRS by States and local eligible providers. We annually publish in the *Federal Register*, and post on the internet at www.nrsweb.org, a list of the names of tests and the educational functioning levels the tests are suitable to measure in the NRS as required by §462.12(c)(2).

On September 7, 2017, the Secretary published in the *Federal Register* (82 FR 42339) an annual notice of tests determined to be suitable for use in the NRS (September 2017 notice). In the September 2017 notice, the Secretary announced a new test and test forms that were determined to be suitable for use in the NRS, in accordance with §462.13.

On February 5, 2018, the Secretary published in the *Federal Register* (83 FR 5087) an annual notice of tests determined to be suitable for use in the NRS (February 2018 notice). In the February 2018 notice, the Secretary announced a new test and test forms that were determined to be suitable for use in the NRS, in accordance with §462.13.

On September 21, 2018, the Secretary published in the *Federal Register* (83 FR 47910) an annual notice of tests determined to be suitable for use in the NRS (September 2018 notice). In the September 2018 notice, the Secretary announced a list of English as a Second Language (ESL) tests and test forms determined to be suitable for use in the NRS, previously approved for an extended period through February 2, 2019, and approved these tests and test forms for an additional period through February 2, 2021. The Secretary also announced a list of tests with NRS approvals expiring on February 2, 2019, which States and local providers may continue to use during a sunset period ending on June 30, 2019.

On March 7, 2019, the Secretary published in the *Federal Register* (84 FR 8322) an annual notice of tests determined to be suitable for use in the NRS (March 2019 notice). In the March 2019 notice, the Secretary announced a new test and test forms that were determined to be suitable for use in the NRS, in accordance with §462.13.

In this notice, the Secretary announces new tests that have been determined to be suitable for use in the NRS, in accordance with §462.13. These tests measure the new NRS

educational functioning levels for Literacy/English Language Arts and Mathematics at Adult Basic Education (ABE) levels 2 through 6, as described in Appendix A of Measures and Methods for the National Reporting System for Adult Education (OMB Control Number: 1830-0027).

Adult education programs must use only the forms and computer-based delivery formats for the tests approved in this notice or in the September 2017, February 2018, September 2018, or March 2019 notices. If a particular test form or computer delivery format is not explicitly specified for a test in this notice or in the September 2017, February 2018, September 2018, or March 2019 notices, it is not approved for use in the NRS.

TESTS DETERMINED TO BE SUITABLE FOR USE IN THE NRS FOR A 7-YEAR PERIOD FROM THE PUBLICATION DATE OF THIS NOTICE:

The Secretary has determined that the following tests are suitable for use at ABE levels 2 through 6 of the NRS for a period of 7 years from the publication date of this notice:

(1) Massachusetts Adult Proficiency Test - College and Career Readiness (MAPT-CCR) for Reading. This test is approved for use through a computer-adaptive delivery

format. Publisher: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and University of Massachusetts Amherst, College of Education, 156 Hills South, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst, MA 01003. Telephone: (413) 545-0564. Internet: www.doe.mass.edu/acls/assessment/.

(2) Massachusetts Adult Proficiency Test - College and Career Readiness (MAPT-CCR) for Mathematics. This test is approved for use through a computer-adaptive delivery format. Publisher: Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and University of Massachusetts Amherst, College of Education, 156 Hills South, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst, MA 01003. Telephone: (413) 545-0564. Internet: www.doe.mass.edu/acls/assessment/.

REVOCATION OF TESTS: Under certain circumstances, the Secretary may revoke the determination that a test is suitable (see §462.12(e)). If the Secretary revokes the determination of suitability, the Secretary announces the revocation, as well as the date by which States and local eligible providers must stop using the revoked test,

through a notice published in the *Federal Register* and posted on the internet at www.nrsweb.org.

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